

Christmas Greetings.



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Penna.

Give love to all the friends, and let me hear from you soon. I suppose Rob. has made his choice but I think the least said the soonest mended. He is actually married.

Wednesday, Dec. 17th 1890
I suppose Maggie will be pleased.

With-Oceans of love from us all
Jennie.

Dear Mother: Many send this leaflet - read and give to Maggie.
I have a little time before church

so I will commence a letter to you.

Mr. Work is to be installed to-night. It is a cold stormy night and I fear there will not be many out. I cannot remember when I wrote you last whether after the meetings commenced or not. Major Whittle held a series of meetings lasting three weeks. He did not do much during that time but attend them all of us, even Lilla.

They were delightful meetings - the best I ever attended in many respects.

The afternoon Bible lessons - intended more especially for Christians, were most interesting. The last one was on consecration and we are to have a review of it at our Home Miss. Meeting on Friday next. I am to give the 51

Things done in Consecrating Aion and
his sons as given in the eighth chapter of
Leviticus. Wish you were here to go over it
with me.

Saturday afternoon. This letter
was commenced Wednesday evening, and
now it is Saturday. These past days have
been very busy ones - so many things going
on. Sunday morning Janet went over to see
Mrs Irish - found her quite sick - had
to stay with her all day and sit up with
her all night. She had taken cold
and eaten something that did not agree
with her. She gave us quite a fright.
Janet had put off all her & ones prepar-
ations on account of the meetings, and
she has been so hurried with them.

Thursday Dr. Black was worse - she went down
to stay with Miss Lizzie if she could be of
any use. She could not do much then
but found Lizzie trying to make a flannel
sack for her father - had got it more
and did not know what was the matter.

She brought it home, fixed
and finished - & then made
it for it was only commenced.
This took a full day and evening.
She sent it down nicely finished
this morning. Dr. Black is extremely
weak. I scarcely think he can live.
He cannot take food to nourish him.
His stomach will not bear it.
With a constant nest of diarrhea
and no repair - he cannot last
long. Mrs Black is better - able to be
around through the house but cannot
do anything. Miss Lizzie keeps up
wonderfully - but I fear the reaction
when it comes, if her father dies.

Professor Bennett is better, he went
to Illinois to visit his brother.

Dr. Linkwood started to Woodstock
this morning - his old home, near
Wheeling, to attend an Institute
there next week. He will not be
home till Monday or Tuesday of
next after next. Tillie expects

to go to Allegheny Wednesday of
next week - to visit Mr. & Mrs.
Daniel. That will leave Janet, Sam
and me to hold the fort here.
Elizabeth and John start home
to Liverpool Monday morning.
Harrie will keep house himself.
He is to take Christmas dinner with
us - probably some other dinner too
Monday Afternoon.

All have gone leaving the house to me
and Lillian. I will sit right down &
finish this letter. Received your
card - glad to know you are comfortable
in health. Yesterday afternoon John
Gaston was baptized at home.
Dr. Sevel baptized him. He also
himself great credit behaved beau-
tifully and looked ever so sweet.
He is a splendid boy. This morning
Elizabeth started home to Liverpool with
him. It is a lovely day.
Janet and Willie have gone down
street. Janet took our little gifts to

Lloyd and Jeannie, to
mail them. Janet has
just been on the fly these days
cannot get her sleep. She has
Mrs Irishes Christmasing to look
after too. Mrs Sevel is not at all
well and the care of Mrs Irish
falls between her and us.

With this I will mail you I suppose,
"Greatest Thing in the World." You
may have it - if so you can give
this to some one who does not have
it. It is so good I want you to
read it. If Ellen and Maggie do
not have it, lend it around.

Janet wanted to make you something
but could not get time. I thought per-
haps a cap would be what you most
need. If so, she will make one and send it
and call it Christmas shill. If there
is anything else you would rather
have tell me. Write a postlet at once, if
you cannot make it a letter.

Dr. Black is much worse to-day.

I scarcely think he will live the week out. He is badly jammed and has had his coughs most of the time for several days, and nights.

I am so sorry the Dr. is away this week. Dr. Stoddard is going away too to visit his daughter. It will be too bad if Dr. Black dies when so many of his old friends and fellow professors are away. The rush of life cannot stop for people to die and be buried. It is pitiful that this should be, but so it is. I am sorry too that the students are not here. Of course, there will be a memorial service when they return. But it is more impressive at the time.

I have not heard from Julia Soladay in a long while. Do you know anything about them - how they are. How are Aunt Sarahs - is Annie still with you? How is Capt. Lambuth. How are Mr. Kelstons - wonder if they are coming next this winter.